

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (Original) A method of transmitting messages in a telecommunication system comprising a first network offering circuit-switched services, a second network offering packet-switched services, and at least one mobile station supporting the first and the second network, the method comprising the steps of:

 checking, in response to the need to transmit at least one message, if the mobile station is attached to the second network,

 transmitting said at least one message to the second network in response to the mobile station being attached to the second network, and

 transmitting said at least one message to the first network in response to failure to transmit the message via the second network.

2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein said message is transmitted via the first network in response to non-attachment to the second network.

3. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:

suspending packet-switched service in the second network before transmitting said message to the first network, and

continuing offering the packet-switched service after transmission of said message at the request of the first network or the mobile station.

4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the first network is a GSM network and the second network is a GPRS network.

5. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 4, wherein said message is a text-based short message of a short message service SMS or a picture message.

6. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein

the user of the mobile station is offered the option to choose whether the messages are transmitted via the first network or the second network, and

the messages are transmitted in accordance with the user's choice.

7. (Original) A mobile station comprising message means for transmitting messages via a first network offering circuit-switched services and via a second network offering packet-switched services, wherein said message means are configured to

check, in response to the need to transmit at least one message, if the mobile station is attached to the second network,

transmit said at least one message to the second network in response to the mobile station being attached to the second network, and

transmit said at least one message to the first network in response to failure to transmit the message via the second network.

8. (Original) A mobile station as claimed in claim 7, wherein said message means are configured to transmit said message via the first network in response to non-attachment to the second network.

9. (Original) A mobile station as claimed in claim 7, wherein the mobile station's user interface (UI) is configured to display a menu offering the user of the mobile station the option to choose whether messages are transmitted via the first network or the second network, and

said message means are configured to transmit the messages in accordance with the user's choice.

10. (Original) A mobile station as claimed in claim 7, wherein the first network is a GSM network, the second network is a GPRS network, and said message is a short message of a short message service SMS.

11. (New) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein, in said step of transmitting said at least one message to the second network, said at least one message is transmitted via a short message service (SMS) form of transmission.

12. (New) A mobile station as claimed in claim 7, wherein said message means are operative to transmit said at least one message to the second network via a short message service (SMS) form of transmission.